

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item

This resolution requests the Tennessee General Assembly support legislation amending Tenn. Code Ann., Title 8, Chapter 44 relative to the open meetings requirement so as to exempt the deliberations of civil service merit boards from the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

Not applicable.

III. Contract Items

Not applicable.

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

The Shelby County Civil Service Merit Board desires to hold its deliberations in a closed meeting because the holding of private deliberations following a public adjudicatory hearing is consistent with the traditional practice of private deliberations by a jury and a court of law in a civil or criminal proceeding, and would ensure the unrestrained discussion of issues raised and evidence received during a public hearing